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Field Crops

Cotton planting is underway in the Yuma area. Small grain emergence continued in the State with over 90 percent completed. Alfalfa harvest is active on over two-thirds of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly poor to good, depending on location.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, green onions, parsley, rappini, spinach, and citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending March 16. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Paloma to 9 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 92 degrees at Yuma, and the lowest reading of 13 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 22 stations. Marana received 0.06 inches of precipitation and Roll received 0.01 of an inch.

Range and Pasture

During the first two months of 2008, much needed precipitation fell in the form of snow or rain in many areas of Arizona. The State's rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to excellent, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly adequate. Insect damage was light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair. High elevation conditions were mostly fair. Mid elevation conditions ranged from mostly poor to good. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were adequate, but soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to excellent. Mid elevation conditions were mostly good to excellent. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were adequate. Insect damage was light.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly fair to good, depending on location. High elevation conditions varied from fair to excellent. Mid elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Low elevation conditions varied from poor to excellent, depending on location. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 10 - March 16, 2008

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	60	5	82	42	0.00	2.09	-1.12	65
Buckeye	62	2	84	41	0.00	2.26	0.40	122
Canyon De Chelly	42	-1	67	22	0.00	2.47	0.69	139
Coolidge	59	-1	84	35	0.00	1.49	-0.79	65
Douglas	57	5	80	29	0.00	0.31	-1.19	21
Flagstaff	39	5	60	19	0.00	6.50	0.89	116
Grand Canyon	38	8	64	13	0.00	4.14	-1.90	69
Kingman	52	3	73	32	0.00	2.91	0.45	118
Marana	62	3	84	43	0.06	1.73	-1.13	60
Maricopa	63	4	86	39	0.00	1.49	-0.56	73
Paloma	61	-2	83	38	0.00	1.06	-1.03	51
Parker	64	3	88	41	0.00	1.11	-0.64	63
Payson	48	3	69	28	0.00	5.53	0.25	105
Phoenix	68	7	84	50	0.00	1.97	0.11	106
Prescott	50	8	71	29	0.00	4.13	0.01	100
Roll	64	2	88	40	0.01	0.66	-0.07	90
Safford	57	4	80	34	0.00	1.50	-0.17	90
St. Johns	46	3	70	18	0.00	1.23	-0.53	70
Tucson	62	4	82	43	0.00	1.39	-0.62	69
Willcox	55	5	78	29	0.00	1.00	-1.00	50
Winslow	48	4	74	22	0.00	1.50	0.19	115
Yuma	73	9	92	50	0.00	0.35	-0.38	48

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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